ly, and how many of them were selected?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) For selecting of pilots in Air India, candidates after passing a written test, are required to appear for interview with an interview panel. Based on the marks obtained in the written test and interview, a merit list is prepared. SC/ST candidates are allowed relexation of marks in the written test.

(c) One SC lady pilot appeared for interview recently. However, the selection process is not yet complete.

Daily air service between Bombay and Bhuj

979. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present Bombay-Bhuj flight goes three days in a week;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said flight had been operating since 1947 and in the past it was a daily service;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which it has been cut off;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there are sufficient passengers to patronise this air route; and

(e) if so, whether Government would consider to reinduct daily service on this route?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. At present Indian Airlines operates a four times weekly B-737 service on Bombay-Jamnagar - Bhuj - Bombay route.

(b) According to available records Indian Airlines was operating a daily service between Bombay and Bhuj between 1983 and 19 Nov., 1989.

(c) Due to acute shortage of B-737 aircraft, the Bombay-Jamnagar-Bhuj-Bombay daily B-737 service was reduced to thrice weekly effective November 20, 1989 but was subsequently increased to four times weekly effective December 16, 1990.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Capacity constraints do not permit reintroduction of a daily service for the present.

Operational schemes of REC

980. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of operational schemes sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation as on the 31st March, 1991;

(b) what is the number of Schemes monitored by REC during the last years;

(c) what is the number of monitoring reports:—

(i) for which monitoring observations were communicated to State Electricity Boards;

(ii) on which State Electricity Boards have complied with all or most of the recommendations of the monitoring reports/observations; and

(iii) on which State Electricity Boards have reported compliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As on 31st March, 1991, 9424 schemes